

As We Enter the Second Half of the 2018 Hurricane Season, Please Be Aware of the Protocols for Storm-Generated Yard Waste and Debris Handling

Town Protocols for Handling of Storm-Generated Yard Waste and Debris:

1. **“Non-Declared Storm”** In the event yard waste/debris is generated due to a storm’s effects not of the magnitude to be officially declared a Disaster by the President, the Town of Southern Shores will adhere to its existing pick-up protocols and rules for removal of yard waste. These rules may be found on the Town’s website at <https://www.southernshores-nc.gov/residents/limbbranch-chipping-program/> . It is important to remember – no yard waste handled by a person paid by the property owner will be removed from the street right-of-way. The property owner is responsible for having the paid person handling the yard waste also further remove and legally dispose of it.
2. **“Declared Storm”** In the event yard waste/debris is generated due to a storm’s effects of the magnitude to have been declared a Disaster by the President, the Town of Southern Shores will adhere to the strict rules and policies of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during the recovery phase of an officially declared disaster. The purpose is to insure property owners’ tax dollars are spent in a fiscally responsible manner such that the Town is able to seek reimbursement of its expended recovery funds through FEMA’s federal grant process.

Under a Presidential declared disaster, the Town’s FEMA-authorized contractor will pick up and remove storm-generated yard waste/debris only from a publicly-owned property which includes Town-owned street rights-of-way. It is important to remember: FEMA rules do not allow for pick-up of storm generated yard waste/debris from privately-owned streets** – unless a waiver is granted by FEMA later during the recovery process. (Note However: (1) Initial clearing of a private street sufficient to insure emergency vehicle passage will occur. (2) After declared storm recovery is complete, normal Town yard waste/debris operations will resume.) During the storm recovery process, the Town will seek a waiver to eventually remove any storm generated yard waste/debris remaining along a private street due to public health and safety concerns. However, any waiver consideration by FEMA has historically taken several months for a decision. Prior to any waiver decision, the Town will not conduct any debris removal which will jeopardize its eligibility for reimbursement of expended recovery funds under FEMA grant guidelines.

Any resident living on property along a private street or road, or any homeowners’ association owning or maintaining private roads and parking lots, should consider contingency measures to remove storm generated yard waste/debris either to an off-site location or to a nearby public street right-of-way for pick up by the Town's contract storm debris removal agency.

**Privately-owned streets in the Town of Southern Shores include:

Pompano Court

Mallard Cove Loop

Fairway Drive (portion)

Azalea Lane

Yellowfin Lane

Jasana Lane

East Hillcrest Drive

Chicahauk HOA Parking Lot (s)

Landing Trail

Pelican Watch Way

Fox Wood Circle

Mullett Circle

Bluefin Lane

Sea Bass Circle

SSCA Marina Accesses

